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PATENT  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Takafumi SUZUKI	)	Confirmation No.: 1415
	)	
Application No.: 10/617,139	)	Art Unit: 3682
	)	
Filed: July 11, 2003	)	Examiner: J. Pilkington
	)	
For: LEVER APPARATUS FOR VEHICLES	)	<b>MAIL STOP AF</b>

Commissioner for Patents  
**MAIL STOP AF**  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 20, 2006, the period for response to which extends through September 20, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows: